## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Please amend claims 1, 3, 9, 11 and 12 as follows:

- 1. (currently amended) A method for solving a mismatched negotiation result between an auto-negotiation mode and an enforce mode in a Ethernet, the method being applied to a local device with an auto-negotiation mode, the local device being connected to a remote device, the local device having a plurality of registers comprising at least an auto-negotiation advertisement register (ANAR) for recording information advertised to the remote device by the local device, and an auto-negotiation link partner ability register (ANLPAR) for recording an ability of the remote device, the method comprising steps of:
  - (a) turning on the auto-negotiation mode;
  - (b) determining whether the remote device is in the auto-negotiation mode;
- (c) setting contents of the ANAR register according to a transmission mode enforced by a user when the remote device is in the auto-negotiation mode;
  - (d) restarting the auto-negotiation mode;
- (e) determining whether the contents of the ANAR and the ANLPAR registers are matched, wherein and if the contents of the ANAR and the ANLPAR registers are matched then proceeding to a step (f), and otherwise proceed to a step (g);
- (f) setting the local and the remote devices to be normally connected and terminating the method; and
  - (g) disconnecting the local and the remote devices.

- 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmission mode of the local device enforced by the user is selected from a group consisting of a 100 Mbps full duplex mode (100FDX), a 100Mbps half duplex mode (100HDX), a 10Mbps full duplex mode (10FDX), and a 10Mbps half duplex mode (10HDX).
- 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein in the step (c), when the remote device is in the auto-negotiation mode, further comprises steps of:
- (c1) determining whether the user enforces a transmission speed to 10Mbps, and if the transmission speed is 10Mbps then proceeding to a step (c2), otherwise proceed to a step (c5);
  - (c2) turning off the 100FDX mode and the 100HDX mode;
- (c3) determining whether the user enforces the transmission mode to be a full duplex (FDX) mode, <u>and</u> if the transmission mode is the FDX mode then proceeding to the step (d), otherwise proceed to a step (c4);
  - (c4) turning off the 10FDX mode and proceeding to the step (d);
  - (c5) turning off the 10FDX mode and the 10HDX mode;
- (c6) determining whether the user enforces the transmission mode to be the FDX mode, <u>and</u> if the transmission mode is the FDX mode then proceeding to the step (d), otherwise proceed to a step (c7); and
  - (c7) turning off the 100FDX mode.
- 4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein in the step (b) when the remote device is not in the auto-negotiation mode, further comprises steps of:

- (b1) setting the local device to a disconnected status and turning off the autonegotiation mode;
  - (b2) setting the transmission mode;
  - (b3) resetting the local device to a connected status; and
  - (b4) terminating the method.
- 5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein after the step (f), further comprising steps of:
- (f1) turning on the auto-negotiation mode when the local and the remote devices restart the link after link down;
- (f2) determining whether the contents of the ANAR and the ANLPAR are matched; and
- (f3) disconnecting the local and the remote devices if the contents of the ANAR and the ANLPAR registers are not matched.
- 6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein in the step (f2) when the remote device is not in the auto-negotiation mode, further comprising steps of:
  - (f5) turning off the auto-negotiation mode; and
  - (f6) setting the transmission mode.
- 7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the local device is a local computer or a local switch.
- 8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the remote device is a remote computer or a remote switch.

- 9. (currently amended) A method for solving a mismatched negotiation result between an auto-negotiation mode and an enforce mode in a Ethernet, the method being applied to a local device with an auto-negotiation mode, the local device being set to one of a 100 Mbps full duplex mode (100FDX), a 100Mbps half duplex mode (100HDX), a 10Mbps full duplex mode (10FDX) and a 10Mbps half duplex mode (10HDX), the local device being connected to a remote device, the local device having a plurality of registers comprising at least an auto-negotiation advertisement register (ANAR) for recording information advertised to the remote device by the local device, and an auto-negotiation link partner ability register (ANLPAR) for recording an ability of the remote device, the method comprising steps of:
  - (a) turning on the auto-negotiation mode;
  - (b) determining whether the remote device is in the auto-negotiation mode;
- (c) determining whether a transmission speed of 10Mbps is enforced by a user when the remote device is in the auto-negotiation mode, wherein and if the transmission speed is 10Mbps then proceed to a step (d), otherwise proceed to a step (g);
  - (d) turning off the 100FDX mode according to contents of the ANAR register;
- (e) determining whether the user enforces the transmission mode to be a full duplex (FDX) mode, <u>and</u> if the transmission mode is the FDX mode then proceeding to a step (j), otherwise proceed to a step (f);
- (f) turning off the 10FDX mode according to the ANAR register and proceeding to the step (j);

- (g) turning off the 10FDX and the 10HDX modes according to the ANAR register;
- (h) determining whether the user enforces the transmission mode to the FDX mode, <u>and</u> if the transmission mode is the FDX mode then proceeding to the step (j), otherwise proceed to a step (i);
  - (i) turning off the 100FDX mode;
  - (j) restarting the auto-negotiation mode;
- (k) determining whether the contents of the ANAR and the ANLPAR registers are matched; and
- (I) disconnecting the local and the remote devices if the contents of the ANAR and the ANLPAR registers are not matched.
- 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein in step (b), when the remote device is not in the auto-negotiation mode, further comprises steps of:
- (b1) setting the local device to a disconnected status and turning off the autonegotiation mode;
  - (b2) setting the transmission mode;
  - (b3) resetting the local device to a connected status; and
  - (b4) terminating the method.
- 11. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein after the step (m) (l), further comprising steps of:
- (m1) (l1), turning on the auto-negotiation mode when the local and the remote devices restart the link after link down;

- (m2) (l2), determining whether the contents of the ANAR and the ANLPAR registers are matched; and
- (m3) (I3), disconnecting the local and the remote devices if the contents of the ANAR and the ANLPAR registers are not matched.
- 12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein in the step (m2) (l2),, when the remote device is not in the auto-negotiation mode, further comprising steps of:
  - (m5) (l5), turning off the auto-negotiation mode; and (m6) (l6), setting the transmission mode.
- 13. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the local device is a local computer or a local switch.
- 14. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the remote device is a remote computer or a remote switch.